

CONCESSION  
BY EACH SIDE

Averts Serious Strike on Baltimore &amp; Ohio R. R.

## SETTLED EARLY TODAY

Commissioner of Labor Neill Was Successful in Bringing Warring Factions Together on Satisfactory Basis.

Baltimore, March 12.—There will be no strike of conductors or trainmen on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad. Commissioner of Labor Neill having early this morning brought to a successful conclusion his efforts as mediator in the wage dispute between the railroad and the men.

While the exact figures on which a settlement was reached were refused for publication, it was learned that concessions were made on both sides and that in a general way, the men and the officials met half way.

Commissioner Neill, to whom President Taft turned over the Pennsylvania state federation of labor's arbitration demand, says that under the law he has no warrant to interfere, as the strike of the conductors is purely a local matter.

## TRENTON STRIKE SETTLED.

Street Car Men Get Raise of 4 1/2 Cents an Hour They Demanded.

Trenton, N. J., March 12.—The strike of the employees of the Trenton Street Railway company was settled late yesterday afternoon. The settlement resulted in the men getting practically everything they asked for. The principal demand was for an increase in pay from 18 1/2 to 23 cents an hour.

FINANCIAL COMPANIES  
MAY FORCE ARBITRATION

In Street Car Strikers are Suffering. Cars Stopped To-day by Small Crowds.

Philadelphia, Pa., March 12.—While pickets surround practically every big plant, an endeavor is being made to get men to join the strike committee of thirty, appointed by civic organizations seeking some plan to end the war. It has been suggested that the financial houses put up on the street car company to force arbitration. Most prices are up to cents above normal and the strikers are suffering. Cars have been stopped to-day at various points by small crowds.

BANK OFFICERS  
CALLED LAX

Charge Made to Controller of Currency Regarding Cambridge National City Bank.

Washington, D. C., March 12.—National Bank Examiner Samuel M. Huan of Baltimore, who was sent by the controller of the currency, to take charge of the affairs of the National City bank of Cambridge, after the suspension of Bank Examiner Ellis S. Pepper, will come to Washington Monday to make a verbal report to the controller on the condition of things as he has found them up to the present time and also to tell the controller whether Coleman's defalcation could not have been discovered sooner if Pepper's examinations had been more thorough and Coleman's superiors had exercised greater vigilance.

While there is no desire to prejudice anyone in advance of a thorough knowledge of all the facts, it is clearly the belief of officials in the office of the controller that the defalcation would not have occurred if the bank officers had been as diligent as the law requires them to be.

Controller McQuinn yesterday received a letter from Examiner Huan, who is out-spoken in his condemnation of the lax conduct of the officers of the bank. Coleman's defalcation he terms "palpable and glaring," and he says it could never have been hidden if the officials of the bank had not been negligent in the conduct of the control. The defalcation of the controller, he says, is a "palpable and glaring" error.

He makes it plain that it is clearly of the opinion that the officers did not do their proper duty. Less is said in regard to the charge of taking charge of the bank had been diligent as the law requires them to be.

No action will be taken in regard to an assessment on the stockholders of the National City bank until the receiver's report is made. There is little doubt, however, that an assessment of 100 per cent. will be made.

## BUNCO MAN NAILED.

Fellow Who Worked New England on Silk Game Arrested.

Boston, March 12.—Following a trail which led half way across the country, two police inspectors overtook William Thomas of Tilton, N. H., Sunday morning, and will bring him back to this city in answer to a charge of taking part in a scheme to defraud would-be purchasers of pieces of silk. A partner, Frank Belyer, of this city, was arrested in February on a similar charge. Thomas' alleged consisted of advertising to sell twelve yards of silk for \$1. Those who sent the \$1 never received the silk.

WILL CANNON DENY  
FOSTER ELECTION?

Speaker of House Is Said to Be Pestered Over the Situation Which Now Confronts Him.

Washington, D. C., March 12.—Speaker Cannon is confronted with a troublesome bit of politics that affects the House insurgent cause. If Representative D. A. Foster of Vermont is not an insurgent, he is a near insurgent. Sooner or later the speaker must decide whether he will name Mr. Foster as chairman of foreign relations, a position made vacant yesterday by the death of Representative Perkins of New York. The Vermontor is the ranking Republican member.

If the chairman had resigned the speaker could have sidestepped the question and permitted the committee to elect. But the House rules say specifically that when a chairman dies, the speaker shall fill the vacancy. He need not do so for a few months, and some think the speaker will allow Mr. Foster to be acting chairman of foreign relations until the next session of Congress convenes.

When the Republican congressional committee had a meeting and banquet some weeks ago, Mr. Foster delivered a speech declaring that in his judgment Speaker Cannon had held the job long enough. He reiterated these sentiments not many days ago in a speech on the floor to which "Uncle Joe" listened attentively.

Representative Denby of Michigan is a member of the committee and a great favorite with the speaker. If Mr. Foster does not get the desirable committee chairmanship, it is believed the place will go to Mr. Denby. Some wise men around the capital claim that Speaker Cannon should find that he could not be elected to preside over the next House, provided, of course, it is Republican, will seek to have Mr. Denby elected in his stead.

SENATOR ALDRICH'S  
MISSIONARY TOUR

To Speak in Different Sections of Country Concerning Currency System and Central Bank, Seeking Information from Bankers.

Washington, D. C., March 12.—Senator Aldrich, chairman of the national monetary commission, is planning a missionary tour through different sections of the country in connection with the new currency system proposed and the central bank. It is believed that the sentiment among bankers will be so crystallized by autumn that they will then be able to discuss the problems of the commission from a more practical standpoint.

## COMING TO NEW ENGLAND.

President of the National Bank of New York to Visit Brother-in-law's Funeral.

Washington, D. C., March 12.—President Taft will leave late this afternoon for Pittsburgh to attend the funeral of Thomas McKim, the husband of Mrs. Taft's sister. He will return Monday to prepare for an eight-day trip, beginning Tuesday, to Chicago, New York and New England.

## BOUND FOR HOME.

Vice-President and Mrs. Fairbanks Sailed To-day from Liverpool.

Liverpool, Eng., March 12.—Ex-Vice-President and Mrs. Fairbanks sailed today on the Mauretania for home. A crowd of friends was at the pier. Before sailing, Mr. Fairbanks said that he might enter politics soon, but for the time being he will stay where he is.

## GENERAL STRIKE FEARED.

Railroads Refuse to Grant 13 Per Cent. Wage Increase.

Chicago, March 12.—A general strike of engineers and firemen of forty-nine western roads is likely to occur within forty-eight hours. The railroads have refused the demands for a thirteen per cent. wage increase and the men have refused to arbitrate. It is believed that a test of strength will be ordered at once.

## SAILED FOR KHARTOUM.

Roosevelts Will Meet There Monday for Three Days' Stay.

Rabat, Soukhan, March 12.—General Roosevelt's steamer Thetis, with Colonel Roosevelt on board, left today for Khartoum and will arrive to-morrow, one day ahead of schedule. Mrs. Roosevelt and Miss Ethel will probably not arrive until Monday. The Roosevelts will remain there until Thursday at guests of Station Pasha, Soukhan's inspector general, at the palace.

## BROTHERS ON THE WIRE.

Charles P. Can Talk to President Without Hindrance.

Pittsburg, March 12.—A private telephone wire from the house of Charles P. Taft to the White House, in Washington is arranged, it was learned here last night. The 725 miles of wire will be at the service of Charles P. Taft from 6:00 p. m. to 6:00 a. m. No outside ears will be able to overhear the conversation of the hear the personal conversation of the brothers. The wire, it is said, will cost Mr. Taft \$20,000 a year.

## JIMMY GARDNER DRAWS.

In Bout With Jimmy Clabby After Ten Round Fight.

Milwaukee, March 12.—Jimmy Gardner of Lowell, Mass., and Jimmy Clabby of Milwaukee fought a ten-round boxing match before the Badger Athletic club last night. Both men fought a close fight. The verdict of the judges was a draw. It was believed that Gardner would win, but he was outwitted by Clabby in the eighth round. Gardner was a slight night shade over his opponent.

NEW BOAT  
CHRISTENED

By Mayor Fitzgerald's Daughter Today

## THE SUBMARINE SALMON

Mayor Fitzgerald Was Invited to Attend, Because of His Recent Speech in Defense of a Ship Subsidy.

Quincy, Mass., March 12.—The United States submarine Salmon, was launched at the Fore River shipbuilding yards here today. Eunice, the ten years old daughter of Mayor Fitzgerald of Boston, christened the vessel. Following the ceremony Admiral Bowles luncheon the launching party.

The invitation to the daughter of Mayor Fitzgerald, to christen the new boat was extended by Admiral Bowles because of the latter's pleasure over Mayor Fitzgerald's speech before the Quincy board of trade in favor of a ship subsidy. Within twenty-four hours after the speech Admiral Bowles called up the mayor and told him of his pleasure at the remarks and invited the mayor and family to be guests at the shipyard during the launching of the Salmon and asking in particular that Miss Eunice should christen the boat. Both invitations were accepted.

AS INVASION OF  
STATE RIGHTS

The Corporation Tax Law Is Attacked. Vermont Firm Files Brief in U. S. Supreme Court.

Washington, D. C., March 12.—"For taking away our charters" was one of the grievances of the American colonies against the king of Great Britain. At the time the declaration (containing these very words) was written, the people of Vermont had already rendered conspicuous service in the war of independence. It would be an astonishing result if, years after that independence had been won, it should be found that the government established by the colonies themselves had become an instrument for taking away our charters.

That is the climax in the brief of Maxwell R. Wells and Henry S. Warner, counsel for State of Vermont, filed in the U. S. Supreme court in opposition to the constitutionality of the corporation tax law. Their main point is that the law, so far as it affects the State-Treasury company, is unconstitutional because it invades the sovereignty of the state of Vermont. It is also argued that the company would be deprived of its property without due process of law, that the law takes private property for public use without just compensation, and that the tax is a direct one on the franchise and therefore unconstitutional because not apportioned.

## LOOTING BY A SOLDIER.

Charged Arrest at Boston Following Discovery of Booty.

Boston, March 12.—Still another arrest in connection with the alleged looting of summer residences at Newport, R. I., by soldiers stationed at the fort, was made here yesterday, when Daniel McDonald, a private, was taken into custody at Fort Andrews in Boston harbor.

He is charged with breaking into the residence of Albert H. Olmstead of Baltimore and stealing a considerable amount of jewelry and bric-a-brac sometime in January last.

At that time he was stationed at Newport and was recently transferred to Fort Andrews.

He was taken to Newport last night for trial with the several other soldiers who previously have been arrested there. Much of the alleged booty was found sometime ago in the attic of the quarters of the 115th company at Fort Adams.

## NEW POSTMASTERS.

Were Appointed by President Taft To-day.

Washington, D. C., March 12.—President Taft today sent the following nominations of postmasters to the Senate for confirmation:

Maine: R. W. Norton, Kennebunkport; Mass: Skunk, Saco.

Massachusetts: L. C. Hyde, Springfield; New Hampshire, J. T. Welch, Dover.

## WORLD'S AUTO RECORD.

Barney Oldfield Covers a Mile in 28 Seconds in Florida.

Daytona, Fla., March 12.—Barney Oldfield, driving his 200-horse-power Oldfield in practice yesterday, covered a mile in 28 seconds, being one-fifth of a second faster than the world's record, made by a steam car here four years ago.

A 16-month-old Russian wolfhound pup, valued at \$500, became lost in the woods between Hartland and Sherburne the first of the week. It was finally returned to its owner, L. Hemmick, of Chesham, Me., who was visiting at Hartland, from which place the dog strayed away. The animal was presented to Mr. Hemmick by a rich tourist, a Grecian woman.

## STRIKE DECLARED OFF.

Northern Coal Miners in New South Wales Go Back.

Sidney, N. S. W., March 12.—The strike of the northern coal miners, which has been in progress since early in November, was declared off yesterday, thus ending the difficulties in the New South Wales coalfields. During the strike, which affected 12,000 men, the price of coal jumped from 8 to 21 1/2 a ton. The question of higher wages and better working conditions precipitated the conflict. Four of the strike leaders were sentenced to terms of imprisonment during the trouble, having been convicted of obstructing work at the mines.

## VERMONT SCHOOL CONFERENCE.

Held at Burlington and School Masters' Club.

Burlington, March 12.—The second day of the fifth annual conference of the schools of Vermont with the university opened yesterday morning with a meeting in the William Science hall. The subject was the teaching of modern languages and evidently had a large interest for the townspeople, for numbers of them attended. There was a satisfactory registration of teachers from about the state.

The morning was mainly taken up with lectures upon French, of which there were three. The fourth and last lecture was on the general subject of modern languages. The lectures of the morning were as follows: "Proper Method of Study of French in the Secondary Schools," by Principal E. S. Abbott, Springfield high school; "What Shall Be Our Aim in the Teaching of French in the Secondary Schools?" by Miss Louise A. Clark, Brandon graded school; "French as an Element of Culture," by Prof. A. B. Myrick, university of Vermont; "The Purpose of Modern Language Instruction for American Students," by Miss F. O. Skinner, Dartmouth college.

At the afternoon session of the conference four papers were given as follows: "Getting Started in German," by Principal John E. Colburn, Bellows Falls academy; "German Methods," made in Germany," by Miss Jean H. Hough, St. Johnsbury academy; "The Outlook," by Prof. C. B. Stearns, university of Vermont; "The German Teacher's Problem," by Prof. S. P. Capen, Clark college.

## SCHOOL MASTERS' CLUB.

An informal reception to the visiting teachers was given at five o'clock at the Billings library and the day ended with the banquet of the Vermont Schoolmasters' club at the Y. M. C. A. building at 6:30.

President M. H. Buckham of the university of Vermont, Prof. Raymond Macfarland of Middlebury, President C. H. Spooner of Norwich, Prof. J. F. Messing and Prof. J. L. Hills of the university of Vermont, Principal I. R. Allen of the Johnson Normal school and Superintendent Mason S. Stearns, were among the speakers at the post-prandial exercises.

A business session was held at which reports were received from the committees on athletics, legislation, courses of study, the cigarette and tobacco evil, pensions and salaries and the constitution.

## THREW UP SPONGE.

Rather Than Have Arm Broken in Wrestling Match.

Burlington, March 12.—Fritz Hanson got the hammerlock with head scissors on Jim Prokes, the Demon Greek of Lowell, Mass., last night in the third round of their wrestling match and Prokes threw up the sponge rather than have his arm broken. Prokes weighed twelve pounds more than Hanson, having 160 pounds to Hanson's 148.

Prokes got the first fall in 46 minutes with a head lock and croch hold and Hanson got the second fall in 21 minutes with head lock and croch hold. The second fall was what is sometimes termed a fluke. After a quick mix-up Prokes got what he thought was a fall. Without waiting for the referee he jumped up and commenced talking to Mr. Bourdon, when Hanson ran up from behind Prokes and floored him before the Greek had realized what had happened.

The third and last bout was also some wrestling. It looked as though Prokes was slowing up on his speed, but Fritz, on the other hand, was gaining win all the time. Twice he got the toe, when Prokes escaped, and once he got the head and scissors. Then Hanson got the croch hold and Prokes yielded with a head scissors and Prokes yelling that he had had enough. When he stood up he stroked his arm to see if it was all there. Young Prokes, who has a national reputation as a wrestler, and a former traveling mate of Jim Prokes, got the awful punishment combined by Hanson for the two years ago and some time before he was able to wrestle again.

## SERIES OF MISHAPS.

With Horses and a Mule Figuring in Them in Battell's Town.

Middlebury, March 12.—Miss Zena Stirling of New Haven, who came to town yesterday to meet the mail train south, had just started away from the depot when her rig collided with the express train. The impact threw her and her carriage into the air and she was badly injured. She was not injured but the vehicle was badly damaged. A little while after there was another and more serious mishap at the passenger station. Martin Young of Weybridge had hitched his horse near the station delivery for the car and had been loading up his team with furniture and empty milk cans. Burt St. Peters drove up behind Young's team and hitched his mule to one of Young's rear wheels. The mule became frightened and ran away. That turned Young's wagon around part way and dragged it and the horse a considerable distance. The result was that both vehicles were badly smashed, milk cans were scattered in all directions and a fine rocking chair, which Mr. Young has just taken from the freight depot, was broken into kindling wood. The animals were uninjured.

## GODDARD'S RECORD.

Lost Three Out of Nine Games, But by Close Scores.

The Goddard seminary basketball team, which closed its season last evening, has played nine games this winter and has lost three, two to Spaulding and one to People's academy. Her total points made in the nine games were 439 in 167 for her opponents. The following is a list of the games:

Goddard 75, Northfield high 8, at Barre; Goddard 58, Richmond 20, at Richmond; Goddard 106, Stowe high 10, at Stowe; Goddard 49, Barre Independents 14, at Barre; Vermont academy 23, at Barre; Goddard 21, People's academy 23, at Morrisville; Goddard 21, Spaulding high 22; Goddard 34, People's academy 17, at Barre; Goddard 23, Spaulding high 24.

## ROAD WILL BE BUILT.

No Doubt of Grand Trunk Extension If Charter Is Granted.

Providence, R. I., March 12.—Affirming that the road would surely be built if the charter were granted, Vice-President E. H. Fitzhugh of the Grand Trunk railroad addressed the house committee on corporations yesterday at the capital in support of the petition for a charter for the Southern New England railroad, through which the Grand Trunk seeks entrance into Providence.

Just before the hearing closed, a cablegram from President Hays of the Grand Trunk was read, saying that the board of directors, at a meeting in London, had fully endorsed the plans for the extension into this state. Vice-President Edward G. Buckland of the New Haven, who had previously intimated that President Hays did not have the backing of his directors, was taken by surprise. He said:

"Undoubtedly that is the vote of the board of directors of the Grand Trunk railway of Canada. If the vote is forthcoming, I decidedly withdraw the objections I have made."

## BREAKS EMPLOYEE'S SKULL.

Norridgewock (Me.) Lumber Dealer Claims Self-Defense.

Norridgewock, Me., March 12.—Threatened, it is claimed, with assault by Ernest Warren, a former employee, George Harrison, a prominent lumber dealer, yesterday knocked the man down with a club, fracturing his skull and injuring him so severely that he may die.

Mr. Harrison told the authorities that he had discharged Warren, who had worked at Harrison's saw mill at Martin Stream, three miles from here. After his discharge, Warren, according to Mr. Harrison, drank heavily and while intoxicated, attempted to attack his former employer.

Harrison was forced to strike him in self-protection, he said. No arrest was made, the authorities accepting Mr. Harrison's version of the affair.

CHAMPIONS  
OF VERMONT

Spaulding High School Closed With a Victory

## OVER GODDARD, 24 TO 23

Local High School Has Won Fifteen Out of Sixteen Games Played, Defeating Strongest Teams in the State.

By defeating Goddard seminary at basket ball again last night, Spaulding high school made a fitting close to a successful season and established its right to claim the preparatory school championship of Vermont. Like the former Goddard game, the victory was merely by a margin of one point, the score being 24 to 23. Out of sixteen games, Spaulding has lost only one, that with People's academy at Morrisville.

The following is a list of Spaulding's games:

Spaulding 37, Northfield 12, at Northfield; Spaulding 43, alumni 14, at Barre; Spaulding 37, Barre A. C. 21, at Barre; Spaulding 17, Montpelier high 14, at Montpelier; Spaulding 65, Stowe high 4, at Stowe; Spaulding 12, People's academy 27, at Morrisville; Spaulding 43, Stowe 17, at Barre; Spaulding 27, Montpelier high 13, at Barre; Spaulding 34, Vermont academy 19, at Barre; Spaulding 38, Montpelier sem 18, at Montpelier; Spaulding 48, Burlington high 22, at Barre; Spaulding 32, Montpelier sem 15, at Barre; Spaulding 52, Burlington high 37, at Burlington; Spaulding 22, Goddard 21, at Barre; Spaulding 13, People's academy 8, at Barre; Spaulding 24, Goddard 23, at Barre.

The team has been successfully captained by James Grigg, who thus finished up his basket ball career at Spaulding, and it has been coached by Mr. Edwards of the school faculty.

## THE FINAL GAME.

Last night's game, as in the former meeting of the two fast teams, was won in the last few seconds of the game by Grigg, on a free throw from the foul line. With the score 23 to 22 in Spaulding's favor, in the last ten seconds of the game a double foul was called, and Spaulding of Goddard tossed the ball through the hoop, which tied the score, but only for an instant, as Grigg proved himself equal to the occasion and dropped the ball through just as the whistle blew, ending the game.

Goddard had made a hard and desperate effort to overcome the high school's lead of eight points in the last period and did succeed in running up more points in this period than in the last two periods combined. They made 12 points in this period to Spaulding's five, and it was the only time in the game that they showed any superiority over the high school team.

Grigg, as usual, was the mainstay of the high school team, making all but six of its points, throwing seven baskets from the floor and nine from fouls. For Goddard, Spaulding caged two baskets from the floor and 11 fouls. Three periods were played and Spaulding had a lead of two points, 8 to 6, at the end of the first period, and the second ended 18 to 11 in favor of the high school.

In the first minute of play after the game started, Grigg tossed in a foul for Spaulding and caged a basket soon afterward on an excellent shot from the center of the floor. Averill soon followed with a basket from the floor, and Grigg tossed in a foul, which put Spaulding 12 points in the lead. Spaulding then took a foul for Goddard and Moore a basket from the floor. Spaulding of Goddard then tossed in another foul, and Referee Beck awarded Goddard two block fouls, which tied the score, 6 to 6; but just before the period ended, Beck caged a basket from the floor, which again placed Spaulding in the lead.

The second period was Goddard's weakest inning, as they were able to gain only five points, all made by Spaulding on a basket from the floor and three fouls, while Grigg got three baskets from the floor and four fouls for a total of 10 points, and Spaulding was awarded one point more on a block foul, and this period ended 18 to 11.

As soon as the play started in the last period, Grigg caged a basket on a pretty shot from near the center of the court. Goddard then took a spurt; Richardson caged two baskets from the floor and Spaulding got one from the floor and two fouls before the high school scored again. Grigg then tossed in two fouls and right forward Spaulding followed with four more points from fouls, which brought Goddard up to one point behind. Then, with ten seconds more to play, the referee called a double foul and, as Spaulding and Grigg both succeeded in making the free shots count, the high school remained one point in the lead.

## HER SKULL CRUSHED IN.

Son Arrested and Is Said to Have Confessed.

New York, March 12.—Mrs. Mary Reed, 60 years old, was found dead in her home in Jersey City yesterday afternoon with her skull beaten in. Her son, Charles, 40 years old, was arrested charged with the crime. The police say he confessed. Reed quarrelled with his mother because she refused to give him more money and struck her over the head with a chair, according to the police.

## TALK OF THE TOWN.

William Connell returned to-day from a visit with relatives in Redston, N. H.

Charles H. Beattie returned to-day from a visit with friends in Topham and Bradford.

The Philharmonic club will hold a rehearsal in the Congregational vestry this evening at 7 o'clock.

Robert Gordon, who lives on Trow avenue, had one finger crushed badly to-day while working at Glysson's granite plant.

THE LICENSE  
WAS LEGAL

Supreme Court Decides in Franklin Case

## ENTRY WAS MADE TODAY

Quo Warranto Proceedings Were Brought on Ground That License Was Granted in Face of Majority Protest of Residents.

An entry was made with Clerk G. H. Smille of the Vermont supreme court at Montpelier to-day, in the liquor license case of State of Vermont, A. J. Lamb, ex-relator, vs. E. S. Gilman and others, in which the court dismisses the petition, with costs, thereby establishing the legality of the issuance of a liquor license in the town of Fletcher in Franklin county during the spring of 1909.

Action in quo warranto proceedings was brought in supreme court, questioning the legality of the granting of a license, it being argued that the license was granted in the face of protest of a majority of the residents of a certain street. The case was argued at a recent session of supreme court.

## CASE GOES OVER

Until Reopening of Washington County Court Next Week.

The general assumpsit case of Mark Means vs. Harry Daniels was still on trial in Washington county court when a recess over Sunday was taken to-day. Mark Means, the plaintiff, was on the stand all yesterday afternoon and was succeeded by F. G. Lambertson on the reopening of court this morning.

## A BARRE REUNION.

Held at Home of Mrs. Mudgett in Cambridge, Mass.

An informal "Barre reunion" was held at the home of Mrs. Georgianna Mudgett in Cambridge, Mass., Wednesday evening of this week, in honor of Mrs. H. J. Smith and daughter, Miss Martha. Their many friends in and about Boston met them and the party enjoyed reminiscences of Barre. All united in the sentiment: "There is no place like Vermont for sound men, fair women, pure maple sugar and Morgan horses; the first are strong, the last are best, the second and third are deliciously sweet, and all so uncomparably hard to beat."

Games and music were enjoyed. Jennie Holden presided at the piano; Mary Grigg and Olive K. Williams sang a duet; Evelyn Phelps gave some interesting points on college life; and Eva Smith also favored the guests with a nice talk. Refreshments of country club cake, wafers and candy were served.

## HAS SEEN HALLIEY COMET.

Rev. Irving Towles Gives Directions to Searchers for It.

Editor Barre Daily Times: I have just read the item in to-night's paper about the Halley comet. I have seen it a few times with my 2 1/2-inch telescope. As a help to any who may try to locate it, let me say, the planet Saturn is now the most conspicuous object of the western sky in the evening, near where the more brilliant Venus was about a month ago. The comet is a little below and to the right, i. e., northeast from the planet. I doubt if many would be able to see it with an opera glass; it is very obscure, even yet.

Very truly yours,  
Rev. Irving Towles,  
Washington, Vt., March 11.

## ANDREW BROCK DEAD.

End Came at 12:10 This Afternoon of Tuberculosis.

Andrew Brock died at 12:10 this afternoon at his home on Prospect street, the cause of death being tuberculosis, from which he had been a sufferer for the past 14 months. His age was 59 years. Mr. Brock was a stonecutter and came from Aberdeen about 18 years ago. He is survived by a wife and two children, one boy and one girl. His mother, three brothers and a sister reside in Buffalo, and there are five brothers in Aberdeen. Mr. Brock was a member of Old Corner of the Operative Lodge of Masons, and of the Woodmen. The funeral will be held Tuesday afternoon.

## CAUSED \$20,000 LOSS.

Spaulding Sons Mill Property at North Rochester, N. H.

North Rochester, N. H., March 12.—Much alarm was caused here last night by a fire which threatened to destroy the large leatherboard mill of the Spaulding Sons company, and which before it was extinguished had caused a loss of \$20,000.

The fire, which it is thought was caused by spontaneous combustion, was discovered at 7:30 o'clock by E. A. Ordway, an employee and former superintendent, situated about seventy-five feet from the mill.

The structure, which was of wood, 400 feet in length and 30 in width, was entirely consumed, together with about 1500 tons of material, which was to have been manufactured into leatherboard.

There is no fire department at North Rochester, but ten teams were harnessed by the mill, which were directed on the fire from the pumps at the mill, for several hours before it was subdued.

The light from the fire was plainly visible for miles.

The loss, which will be \$15,000 on the buildings, and \$5000 on contents, is fully covered by insurance.

The firm will at once rebuild.